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OLNEY MAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on October 19, 2006, **THOMAS B. DAVIS**, age 35, of Olney, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. DAVIS was sentenced to 235 months imprisonment, was fined \$100, and was placed on 5 years supervised release.

DAVIS had previously pleaded guilty to a one count federal indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute fifty (50) grams or more of methamphetamine. **DAVIS** received an enhancement in his sentence because he endangered children while manufacturing methamphetamine.

A co-defendant was previously sentenced in this case to 188 months imprisonment.

The investigation was conducted by the Richland County Sheriff's Office pursuant to its participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses in the Southern District of Illinois.

The Richland County States Attorney's Office assisted throughout the investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.